in the tender. Four Companies have been shortlisted for operation of this service in Jaipur City and one company has already signed the licence agreement. As per the licence conditions the licensee has to start the service within one year of signing the agreement.

Tenders have also been invited for operation of Radio Paging Service for 18 territorial circles for rest of the country including Rajasthan.

*(b) Electronic Mail Services:*

The Department has issued 18 letters of intent to operate Electronic Mail Service on all India basis. Five companies have already signes the licence agreement. As per the licence agreement, the licensee has to provide the service within one year of signing the agreement.

*(c) 64 KBPS Data Service via Satellite :*

7 companies have been given letters of intent for the operation of 64 KBPS Data Service Via Satellite on all India basis and out of these seven, one company has already signed the licence agreement. As per the licence agreement, the licensee has to provice the service within one year of signing the agreement.

**Electronic Mail Service**

3660. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Electronic mail service has been started in some areas, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present number of subscribers;

(c) the charges prescribed for rendering Electronic mail services; and

(d) whether sufficient publicity has been given to this, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, sir. Five Indian Companies have been licensed to operate Electronic Mail Service. The licensees can provide the service anywhere in the country. The licensees have to provide the service in atleast five service areas within one year of signing the licence. The details are as per the enclosed statement-I (*see*).

(b) to (d) Service providers are responsible for publicity and for enrolling subscribers. They have been given one year's time to start the service from the date of signing the licence agreement. The licence fee and ceiling tariff fixed by the DOT are given in Statement II.

**Statement-I**

*List of Licensees for Electronic Mail Service.*

| S.No. | Name of the Company | Cities | Date of Signing the LA |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | M/s. ICNET "Sorrento" 6, Lattice Bridge Road, Adyar, Madras-600 020 | Anywhere in India | 07.01.94 |
| 2. | M/s. Dataline Research Technologies (India) Ltd., 31A, Noble Chamber, 4th Floor, Janmabhoomi Marg. Fort, Bombay-400001. | -do- | 11.05.94 |
| 3. | M/s. Datapro Information Technology Pvt. Ltd. EL-21, Electronic Zone, MIDC Bhosari, Pune-411026 | -do- | 03.06.94 |
| 4. | M/s. Wipro Infotech Ltd., 88, MG Road, Bangalore-560001. | -do- | 21.07.94 |
| 5. | M/s. Sprint RPG Ltd., Gulmohar House, 161/B-4 Gautam Nagar, Yusuf Sarai, New Delhi-110049. | -do- | 10.08.94 |

**Statement II**

*Ceiling Tariff*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Initial registration fee (one time) | — Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) |
| 2. | Rental | — Rs.4200/-p.a. (including software) for mail box of 500 KBS. |
| 3. | System utilization charges | — Rs.2/-per ordinary. |
| 4. | Basic transport fee (BTF) | — Rs.4/-Per express (message of 2500Bytes) |
| 5. | Connect time charges Via PSTN/PAD/ PSPDN | — Re.1/- per minute. |
| | Via telex | — Re.1/- per minute. |
| | Delivery to E-Mail Subscriber's Mail Box. | — Only BTF |
| | Delivery to Fax Number | — BTF plus Rs.15/-per page. FAX conversion charges plus call charges payable to Department of Telecom. |
| | Delivery to telex number | — BTF plus Re. 1/per 400 characters as telex conversion charges plus actual call charges payable to DOT. |
| | Non delivery notification | — Free |
| | Transmit confirmation | — Re.1/- per message (optional) |
| | For international delivery | — The above tariff plus actual cost payable to VSNL (Rs.2/ plus Rs 13/- IRs.15/- at present). |
| | Non delivery (notification) | — Free |
| | Transmit confirmation (optional) | — Re. 1/- per message. |
| 6. | Delivery options for recipient subscribers:— | |
| | (i) Delivery Mail Box | — Local delivery-Free. |
| | (ii) Delivery to Subscriber terminal. | — Outside the node-BTF plus actual call charges payable to DOT. |
| | (iii) Change of option | — Rs.25/-. |
| 7. | Licence fee payable to DOT | The licence fee is to be paid per year as follows:— |
| | | — For First year. —Rs.25 lakhs. |
| | | — For Second year —Rs.25 lakhs. |
| | | — For Third year —Rs.35 lakhs. |
| | | — For Fourth year —Rs.35 lakhs. |
| | | — For Fifth year —Rs.50 lakhs. |
| 8. | Security deposit (non interest bearing) | — Rs. 4200/- |
| 9. | Installation and commissioning charges modem at subscriber end (one time charges) | — Licencee Modem Rs.800/- and leased. Subscriber owned Rs. 500/- Dial-up |
| 10. | Equipment (modem) Rental | — For leased Rs.5000/p.a. (as per speedsupto 2.4 Kbps). For dial up Rs.2750/p.a |
| 11. | Basic E-Mail user software | — Nil |
| 12. | Optional facilities advanced E-Mail soft-ware on side user training. | — Not fixed |
| 13. | Urgent delivery of E-Mail (Text/FAX/ Telex) to be delivered within 2 hrs.) | — Already covered under charges for express message (item 3). |

NOTE:—The proposed ceiling tariff will be applicable for only those facilities which are provided by the Licencee.